

## **Proclamation 7684—Flag Day and National Flag Week, 2003**

*June 6, 2003*

*By the President of the United States  
of America*

### **A Proclamation**

Each year, we set aside June 14 to commemorate the day in 1777 when the Continental Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of our Republic. With this act, the Congress declared that we were one Nation, under one flag, united for the cause of liberty and justice for all.

As a symbol of our patriotism, the American flag continues to invoke pride and resolve among our people, especially when we see it next to a headstone, on the masts of our military ships, worn by the generations of Americans who have proudly served our country, or emerging from the wreckage caused by a natural or manmade disaster. Flying over public buildings, monuments, schools, and homes, our flag is testament to the ideals of American democracy.

Through the years, millions of immigrants have come to our shores seeking to share in the promise of freedom represented by our flag. From war-torn Europe, to the mountains of Afghanistan, to the deserts of Iraq, the flag and those who carry it are universally recognized as harbingers of liberation, justice, and peace. Regardless of circumstance, our flag endures as a sign of hope.

On Flag Day, we look to the red, white, and blue as a symbol of our commitment to advancing the universal hope of liberty and justice for all. Old Glory abounds in the landscape of our daily lives, reminding us of the freedom we share. The 50 stars and 13 stripes are not just a random pattern, they symbolize the blessings of liberty we enjoy as Americans.

To commemorate the adoption of our flag, the Congress, by joint resolution approved August 3, 1949, as amended (63 Stat. 492), designated June 14 of each year as “Flag Day” and requested that the President issue an annual proclamation calling for its observance and for the display of the Flag of the United States on all Federal Government buildings. The Congress also requested, by

joint resolution approved June 9, 1966, as amended (80 Stat. 194), that the President issue annually a proclamation designating the week in which June 14 occurs as “National Flag Week” and calling upon all citizens of the United States to display the flag during that week.

**Now, Therefore, I, George W. Bush,** President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim June 14, 2003, as Flag Day and the week beginning June 8, 2003, as National Flag Week. I direct the appropriate officials to display the flag on all Federal Government buildings during that week, and I urge all Americans to observe Flag Day and National Flag Week by flying the Stars and Stripes from their homes and other suitable places. I also call upon the people of the United States to observe with pride and all due ceremony those days from Flag Day through Independence Day, also set aside by the Congress (89 Stat. 211), as a time to honor America, to celebrate our heritage in public gatherings and activities, and to publicly recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand this sixth day of June, in the year of our Lord two thousand three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-seventh.

**George W. Bush**

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NOTE: This proclamation will be published in the *Federal Register* on June 11.

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## **Digest of Other White House Announcements**

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The following list includes the President’s public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

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### **May 31**

In the morning, in Krakow, Poland, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later,

he and Mrs. Bush visited the Auschwitz-Birkenau World War II death camp complex near Oswiecim, Poland. They then returned to Krakow.

Later in the morning, the President met with President Aleksander Kwasniewski of Poland at Wawel Royal Castle.

In the afternoon, the President met with Prime Minister Leszek Miller of Poland at Wawel Royal Castle.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to St. Petersburg, Russia.

In the evening, at Peterhof Palace, the President and Mrs. Bush had dinner and watched an outdoor ballet performance and fireworks show with President Vladimir Putin of Russia and his wife, Lyudmila.

#### **June 1**

In the morning, the President traveled to Evian-les-Bains, France, to attend the Group of Eight (G-8) Summit at the Hotel Royal.

In the afternoon, the President participated in meetings and photo opportunities with leaders from G-8 and non-G-8 countries and the New Partnership for African Development (NEPAD).

Also in the afternoon, the President met with President Hu Jintao of China to discuss the situation in North Korea, efforts to eradicate the SARS virus, and the war on terror.

In the evening, the President attended a NEPAD/African Action Plan dinner with other leaders.

#### **June 2**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he participated in a working lunch and photo opportunities with G-8 leaders.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert Lerner to be Commissioner of Education Statistics, Department of Education.

#### **June 3**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at the Movenpick Conference Center in Sharm el-Sheikh, the President had bilateral meetings with President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt. He also par-

ticipated in multilateral meetings with President Mubarak, King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa of Bahrain, King Abdullah II of Jordan, Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia, and Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) of the Palestinian Authority. In the afternoon, the leaders had a working lunch at the Four Seasons Resort.

Later in the afternoon, the President met with Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia.

In the evening, the President had dinner with President Mubarak at President Mubarak's residence.

The President announced his intention to nominate Daniel J. Bryant to be Assistant Attorney General (Legal Policy) and to designate him as Acting Assistant Attorney General (Legal Policy).

The President declared a major disaster in Kentucky and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, mud and rock slides, and tornadoes on May 4-27.

#### **June 4**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He also had a telephone conversation with the Deputy Prime Minister of Kuwait to express his regret that he could not visit Kuwait during his Middle East trip and his appreciation for Kuwait's support in efforts to liberate Iraq.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Aqaba, Jordan, where he met with King Abdullah II of Jordan and later with Prime Minister Ariel Sharon of Israel.

In the afternoon, the President met with Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) of the Palestinian Authority. Later, the President had trilateral meetings with Prime Minister Sharon and Prime Minister Abbas.

In the evening, the President traveled to Doha, Qatar.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission: Brad T. Barber, Kevin K. Conway, Dallin W. Jensen, and Jody L. Williams.

**June 5**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Also, at the Ritz-Carlton Doha Hotel, he met with Gen. Tommy R. Franks, USA, combatant commander, U.S. Central Command, and L. Paul Bremer III, Presidential Envoy to Iraq.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Camp As Sayliyah near Doha.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

**June 6**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, the President had separate telephone conversations with Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom and Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi of Italy to discuss his trip to Europe and the Middle East.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Camp David, MD.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni of Uganda to the White House on June 10.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Thaksin Chinnawat of Thailand to Washington, DC, on June 10.

The President announced his intention to nominate Paul S. DeGregorio and Deforest B. Soaries, Jr., to be members of the Election Assistance Commission.

The President declared a major disaster in Arkansas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding on May 2 and continuing.

The President declared a major disaster in American Samoa and ordered Federal aid to supplement Territory and local recovery efforts in the area struck by flooding and mudslides on May 19–21.

to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

**Submitted June 2**

Josette Sheeran Shiner, of Virginia, to be a Deputy U.S. Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, vice Jon M. Huntsman, Jr.

Karen P. Tandy, of Virginia, to be Administrator of Drug Enforcement, vice Asa Hutchinson.

**Withdrawn June 2**

Dee Ann McWilliams, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Human Resources and Administration), which was sent to the Senate on March 24, 2003.

**Submitted June 3**

Joshua B. Bolten, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, vice Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., resigned.

Robert Lerner, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Education Statistics for a term expiring June 21, 2009, vice Pascal D. Forgione, Jr., term expired.

**Submitted June 5**

Karin J. Immergut, of Oregon, to be U.S. Attorney for the District of Oregon for the term of 4 years, vice Michael W. Mosman.

Lance Robert Olson, of Iowa, to be U.S. Marshal for the Northern District of Iowa for the term of 4 years, vice John Edward Quinn.

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**Nominations  
Submitted to the Senate**


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The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations

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**Checklist  
of White House Press Releases**


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The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as